Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The previous reference is in the question itself and then the answer was the matter was receiving attention.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: If that is the case, may I know, what the Director of Industries has reported about this godown affair?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: His report is not now before me.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: If it is a confidential document, I do not want to know the details. I want to know what you are going to do with a godown worth Rs. 3,500. You would have at least looked into the idea underlying the scheme before spending the money. We are entitled to know that matter.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I can only say now that a godown is a godown and that is meant for stocking goods.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: The Government is going to construct a godown at Mattancheri. Is it to be let for storing goods? That is what we want to know.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are several matters that are under consideration of Government with regard to these details. But I may assure the hon'ble member that the godown will be put to proper use. (*Laughter*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Have the Government not considered all the details at the time they estimated for the godown? It has been stated here that the report of the Director of Industries could not be published yet and you do not know for what use these Rs. 3,500 are going to be spent?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not want to conceal from the House any useful information. If you will permit, Sir, I will issue a statement later on about the godown. I will publish the statement giving details about the points raised by the hon'ble members and that will be more useful, because I have not now got the complete file before me.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: I request the Hon'ble Minister not to misunderstand us. We wanted to bring these ideas to the notice of the Government. That is all.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I would assure the House that I consider the questions that were put now, to be really helpful.

PARIYARAM CHURCH ROAD—MAINTENANCE OF.

14. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) whether the Pariyaram church road is under the Engineering Department or Panchayat Department;

(*b*) was it not under the Engineering Department before?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) Under the Panchayat Department.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Is this road now in a bad condition?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The road is now in a fairly good condition from the point of view of Panchayat roads.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Is it fit for vehicular traffic?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: It is a road that is in frequent use. The road is being used for traffic.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Is it a metalled road?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: It does not come up to the standard of a metalled road. It was under the management of the Public Works Department and it was very recently that it was transferred to the Panchayat

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Why this ownership was changed from Public Works Department to Panchayat Department?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Because the Government ordered that this road may be transferred to the Panchayat by means of a special proceedings some years ago.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: What was the reason for passing such proceedings?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: One of the reasons was that this road, just like many other Panchayat roads, does not require supervision of the biggest expert we have, i. e., the Chief Engineer. Therefore the Government thought that it may be transferred to the supervision of the Panchayat Department.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Has any change come after the road was taken by the Panchayat?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No change practically.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Was it transferred at the request of the Panchayat?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not think there was any special request from the Panchayat Department.

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